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SUBJECT: EASTERN EUROPE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICERS' CONFERENCE, SEPTEMBER 27-30, 1976

REF: STATE 214653; STATE 221062

1. AS INDICATED IN STATE 221062, CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS HAVE BEEN PUTTING TOGETHER A QUOTE SESSION ORGANIZATION GUIDE END QUOTE FOR EACH SESSION TO ASSIST PANELISTS IN THEIR PREPARATIONS FOR SUBJECT CONFERENCE.

2. EACH POINT SUGGESTED IN THE GUIDE REMAINS A SUGGESTION AND NO PANELIST COULD COVER ALL THE POINTS ADEQUATELY IN THE BRIEF TIME ALLOTTED FOR HIS OR HER PRESENTATION. PAN-ELISTS SHOULD SELECT FROM THEIR OWN EXPERIENCES THE POINTS WARRANTING PARTICULAR EMPHASIS AND PROMISING TO STIMULATE
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THE GREATEST DISCUSSION.

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3. WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF CHARGE WOULD PREPARE A BRIEF UNCLASSIFIED OUTLINE OR NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF HIS PRESENTATION FOR SUBMISSION TO THE MODERATOR AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER ARRIVAL IN GARMISCH TO FACILITATE FINAL COORDINATION AMONG PANELISTS.

4. SESSION ORGANIZATION GUIDE FOR SESSION AT 1645 HOURS ON SEPTEMBER 28 FOLLOWS:

A. AGENDA ITEM: U.S. SAFEGUARDS APPLICABLE TO IMPORTS FROM THE EAST.

MODERATOR: ROBERT B. HILL, USIA/IOP

PANELISTS: ALLEN LENZ, BEWT; CARL SCHMIDT, EUR/EE; CARROL BROWN, WARSAW; DAVID ROHR, HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

RAPPORTEUR: HARRY KOPP, EB/ITP/EWT

B. OBJECTIVE OF SESSION: TO EXPLORE THE POTENTIAL FOR MARKET DISRUPTION AND UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICE CASES CONCERNING IMPORTS FROM COMMUNIST COUNTRIES; TO ASSESS THE ADEQUACY AND APPROPRIATENESS OF SAFEGUARDS AND OTHER MEASURES CURRENTLY AVAILABLE UNDER U.S. LEGISLATION TO DEAL WITH SUCH CASES. CONSIDERATION WILL ALSO BE GIVEN TO LEGISLATIVE 3RANCH CONCERNS, AND TO PROBLEMS WHICH THE APPLICATION OF EXISTING SAFEGUARD AND OTHER ACTIONS POSE FOR THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES.

C. THRUST OF PANELISTS' PRESENTATIONS

1) POTENTIAL PROBLEMS FROM INCREASED EXPORTS FROM EAST TO WEST (ALLEN LENZ, BEWT)

-- GENERAL TRENDS IN COMMUNIST COUNTRY TRADE WITH THE U.S. COMPOSITION OF EASTERN EXPORTS TO THE INDUSTRIALIZED WESTERN COUNTRIES.

-- EFFECTS OF WESTERN ECONOMIC CONDITIONS (RECESSION, UNCLASSIFIED

INFLATION, STAGFLATION) ON IMPORT ABSORPTION CAPABILITIES.

-- CLASH OF EASTERN EXPORT GOALS AND IMPORT-SENSITIVE SECTORS IN U.S.

-- SUPPORTING MATERIALS: QUOTE POTENTIAL FOR A REVERSE IN THE EAST-WEST TRADE BALANCE END QUOTE--ALLEN LENZ, BEWT

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2) WHAT MEASURES TO USE: RELEVANCE OF ANTI-DUMPING AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES; MARKET DISRUPTION CLAUSES (CARL SCHMIDT, EUR/EE)

-- ADEQUACY AND APPROPRIATENESS OF EXISTING TOOLS FOR DEALING WITH UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICE AND MARKET DISRUPTION CASES CONCERNING IMPORTS FROM COMMUNIST COUNTRIES (ANTI-DUMPING, COUNTERVAILING DUTIES, MARKET DISRUPTION, AND VOLUNTARY EXPORT RESTRAINTS);

-- PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN APPLYING THESE AUTHORITIES;

-- U.S. SAFEGUARDS AS CONTRASTED TO PROCEDURES EMPLOYED BY OTHER WESTERN GOVERNMENTS;

-- SUPPORTING MATERIALS: QUOTE THE PRACTICES OF INDUS-TRIALIZED COUNTRIES WITH RESPECT TO IMPORTS FROM COMMUNIST COUNTRIES END QUOTE BY KAREN C. TAYLOR, BEWT

3) A FIELD VIEW OF THE PROBLEM: CARROLL BROWN, WARSAW

-- HOW SIGNIFICANT DO THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES PERCEIVE POTENTIAL U.S./WESTERN RESISTANCE TO IMPORTS FROM THE EAST TO BE?

-- IMPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF U.S. TRADE RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST COUNTRIES.

-- WHAT MEASURES MIGHT BE TAKEN BY EXPORTING COUNTRY TO CIRCUMVENT THE PROBLEM (E.G., AGREEMENTS TO VOLUNTARILY RESTRAIN EXPORTS OF SENSITIVE GOODS; THIRD COUNTRY COOPERA TION VENTURES; GREATER FOCUS ON NON-SENSITIVE GOODS; GREATER EMPHASIS ON LDC TRADE INSTEAD OF SALES TO INDUS-

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TRIALIZED COUNTRIES)

-- IMPLICATIONS OF VARIOUS COMMUNIST EXPORT POLICY OPTIONS

4) LEGISLATIVE CONSIDERATIONS (DAVID ROHR, WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE)

-- SPECIAL PROBLEMS OR CONCERNS IN PROVIDING ADEQUATE PROTECTION FOR U.S. LABOR AND INDUSTRY AGAINST IMPORTS

FROM COMMUNIST COUNTRIES AND EFFECTIVENESS OF CURRENT LEGISLATION;

-- HOW TO MAKE ADEQUATE PROVISION FOR ALL INTERESTED PARTIES TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS;

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-- HOW TO BALANCE LABOR, INDUSTRY, CONSUMER AND FOREIGN
POLICY INTERESTS IN AN ENVIRONMENT OF INCREASED IMPORTS
FROM THE EAST; AND

-- POTENTIAL FOR NEW LEGISLATION. ROBINSON

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